

CITY DATA STRUCTURES

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Motivation

► **superior goals**

- city geographical information system development (3D city GIS)
- detailed modeling of the whole city
- emphasis on semantics-topology-geometry

► **discovered issues**

- the visualization problem
- the network problem
- the database problem

The visualization problem

► fast and efficient rendering

- algorithms, scene graphs, ray-tracing, ...
- visibility, backface culling, proximity, ...
- LODs, impostors, ...

► photorealistic sense

- precision of models
- textures, materials
- interactivity

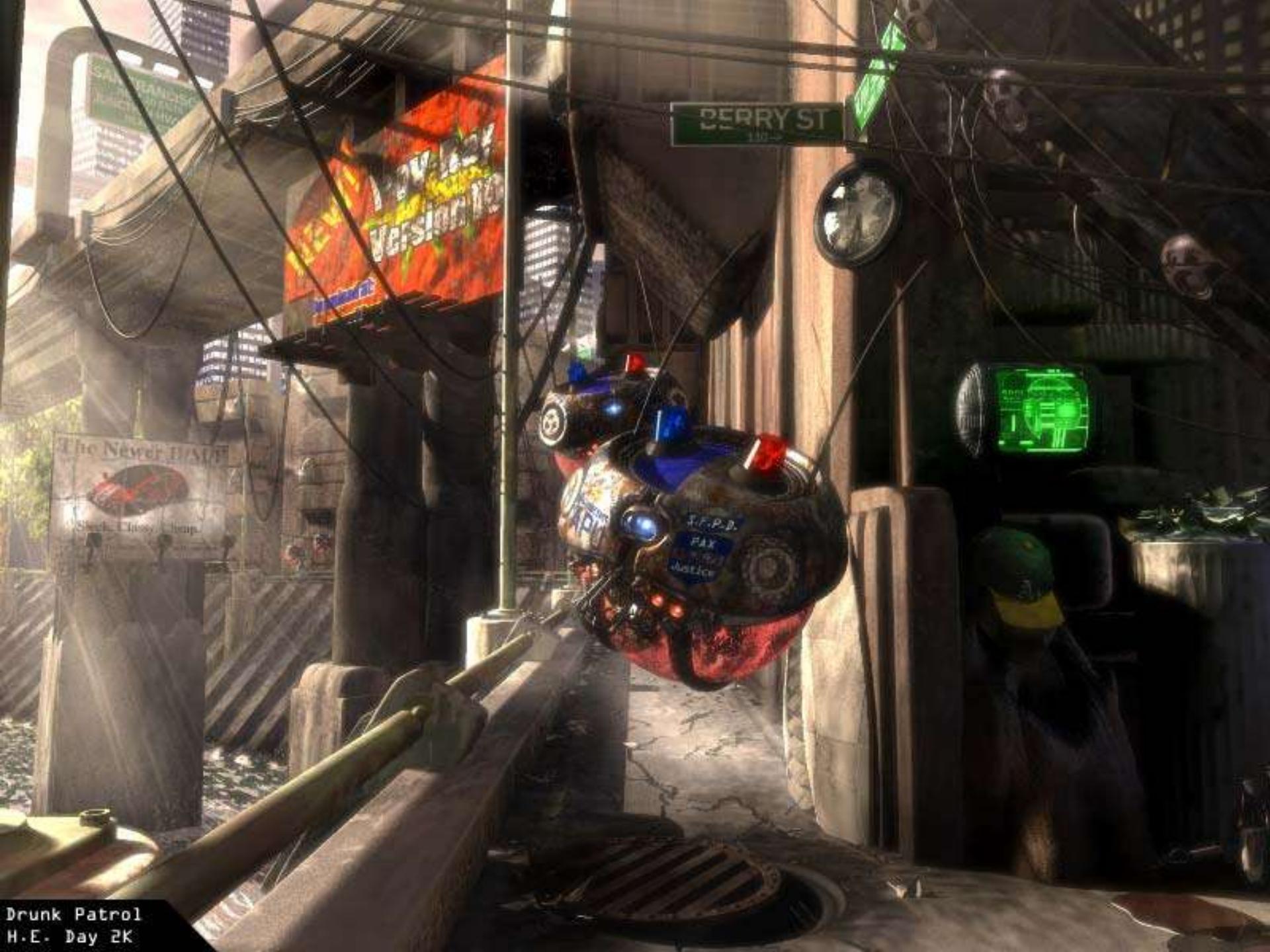






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Drunk Patrol
H.E. Day 2K

The network problem

► **network capacity**

- how many connections at a time?

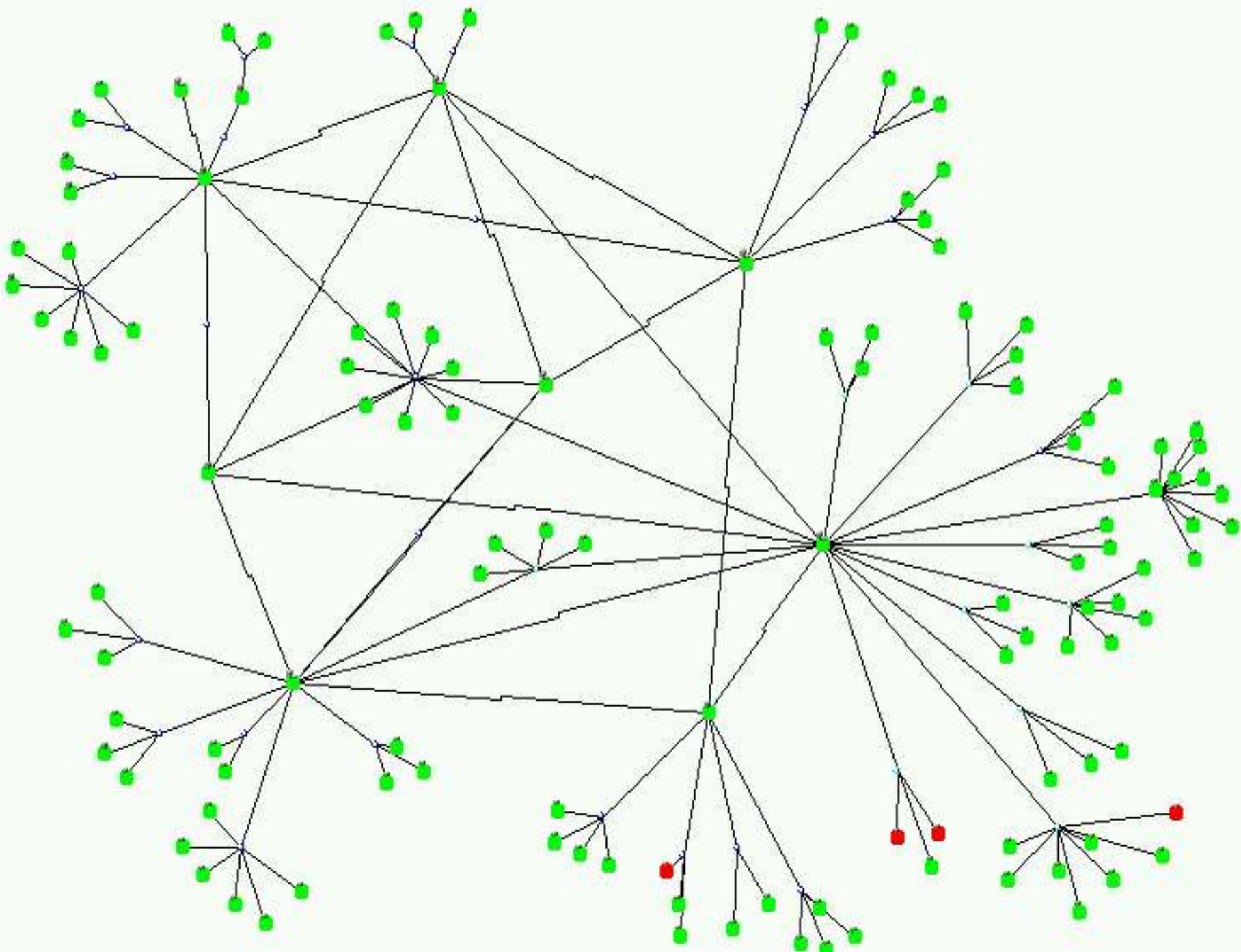
► **network speed**

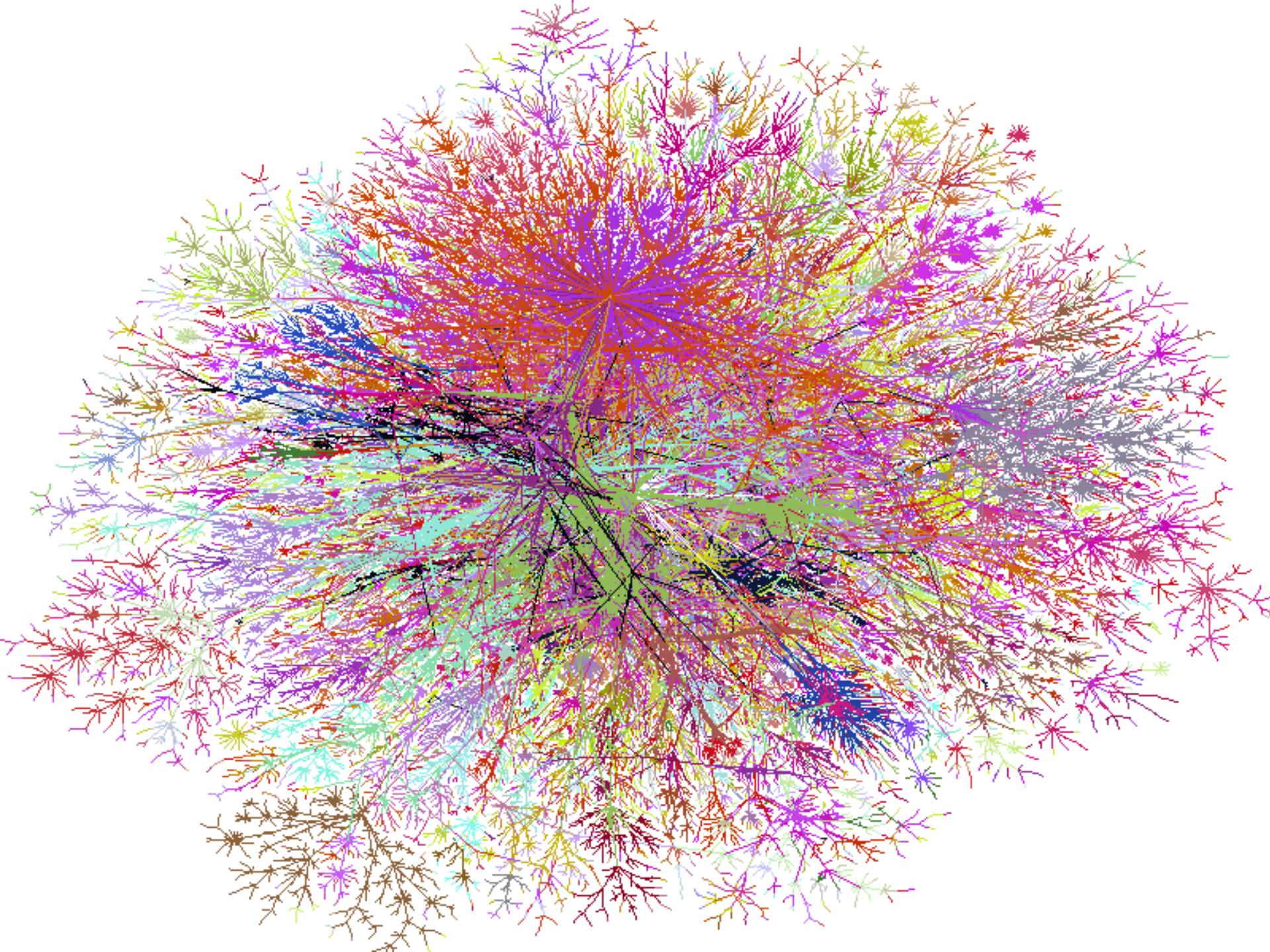
- how much data transportable in the time?

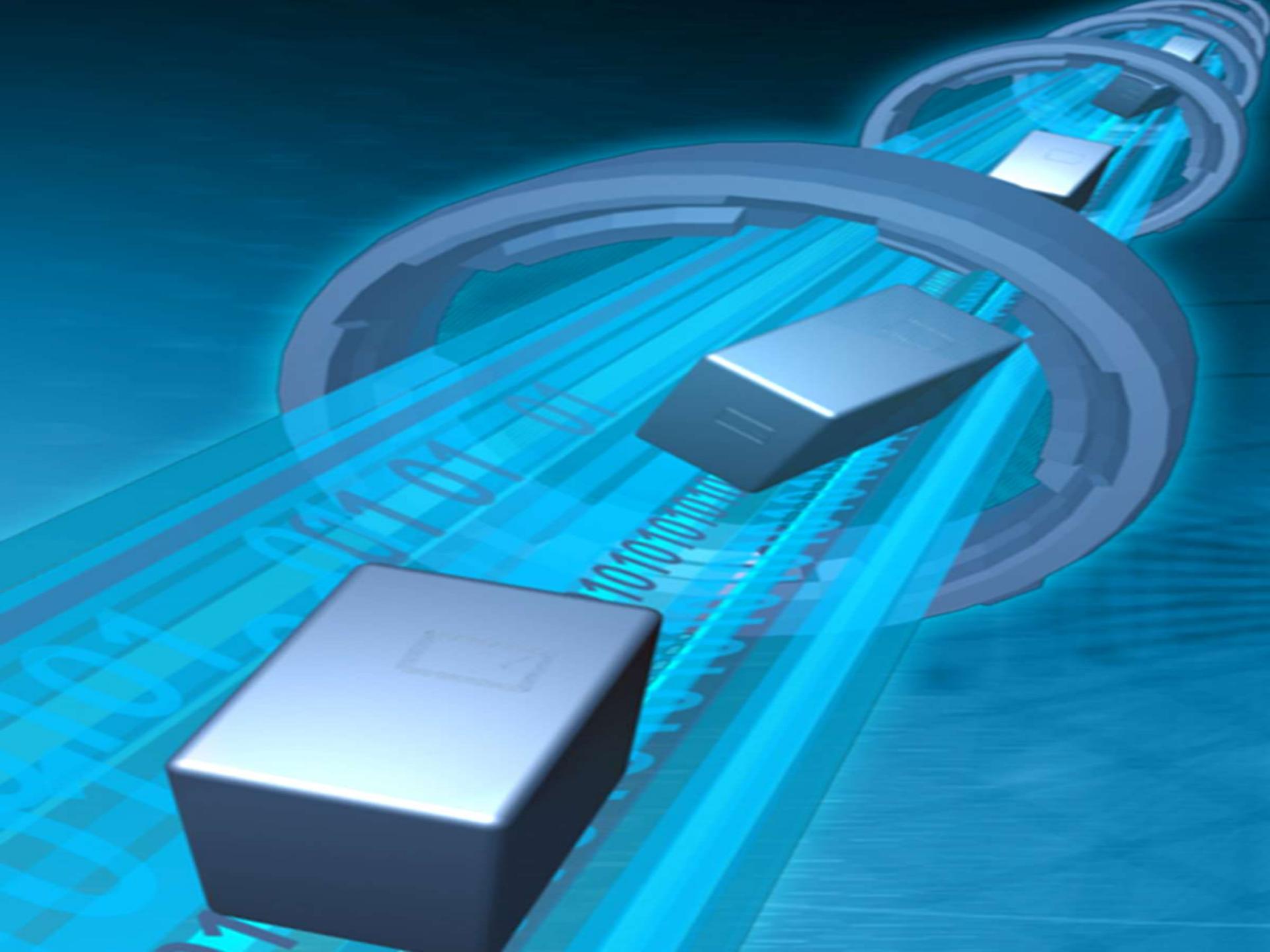
► **network reliability**

- how many times we need to transfer data?

- **LAN, WAN, VPN, TCP-IP, UDP, ...**







The database problem

► **geometry data**

- CSG geometry, meshes, vertexes, splines
- textures, materials, colors

► **semantics data**

- information systems, records, cadastre

► **topology data**

- next to, above, below, left, right, part of, consisting of, connected with, adjacent

GIS

► **geometry (mostly 2D)**

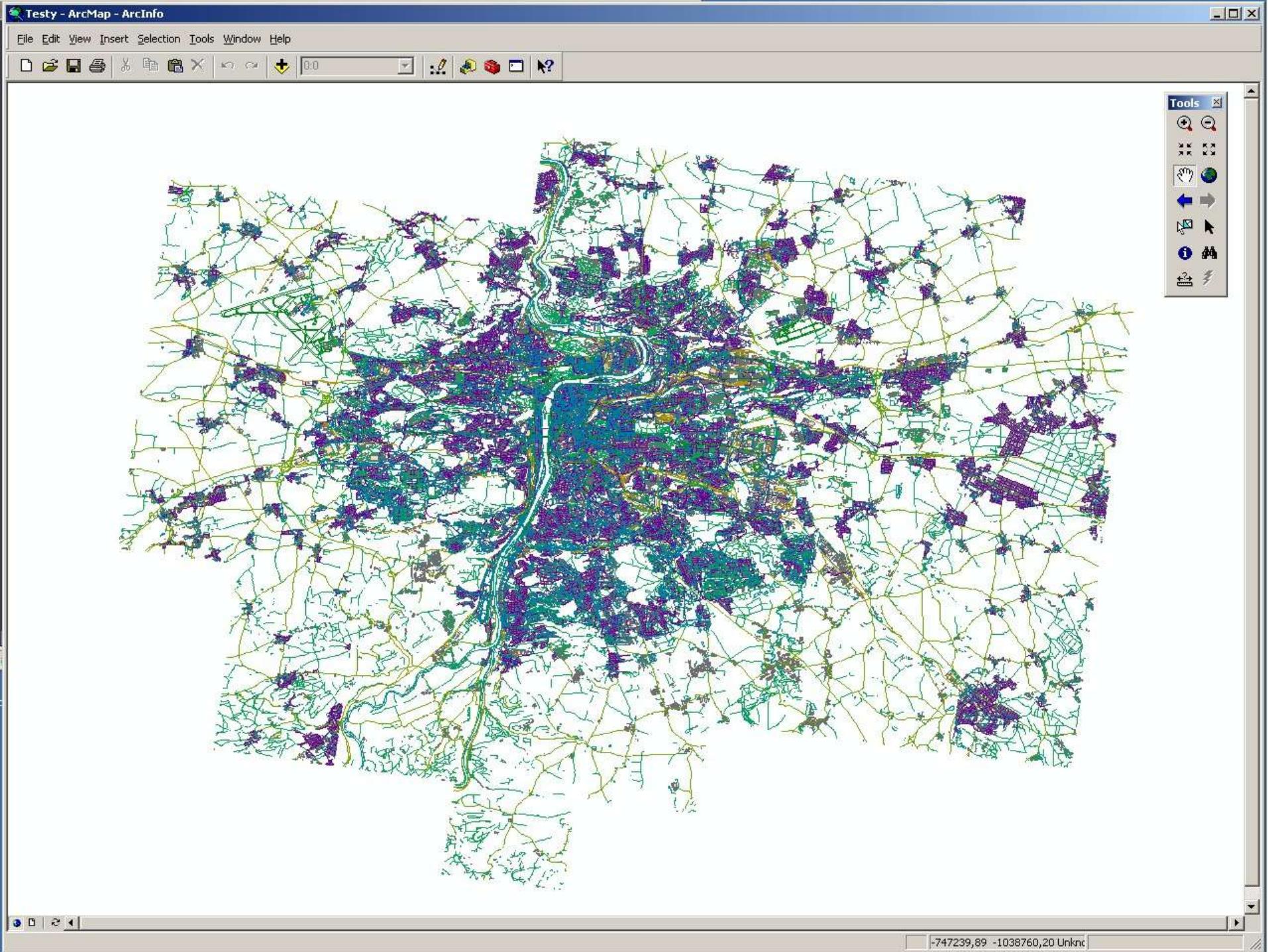
- points, lines, polygons
- DEM, DTM, TIN

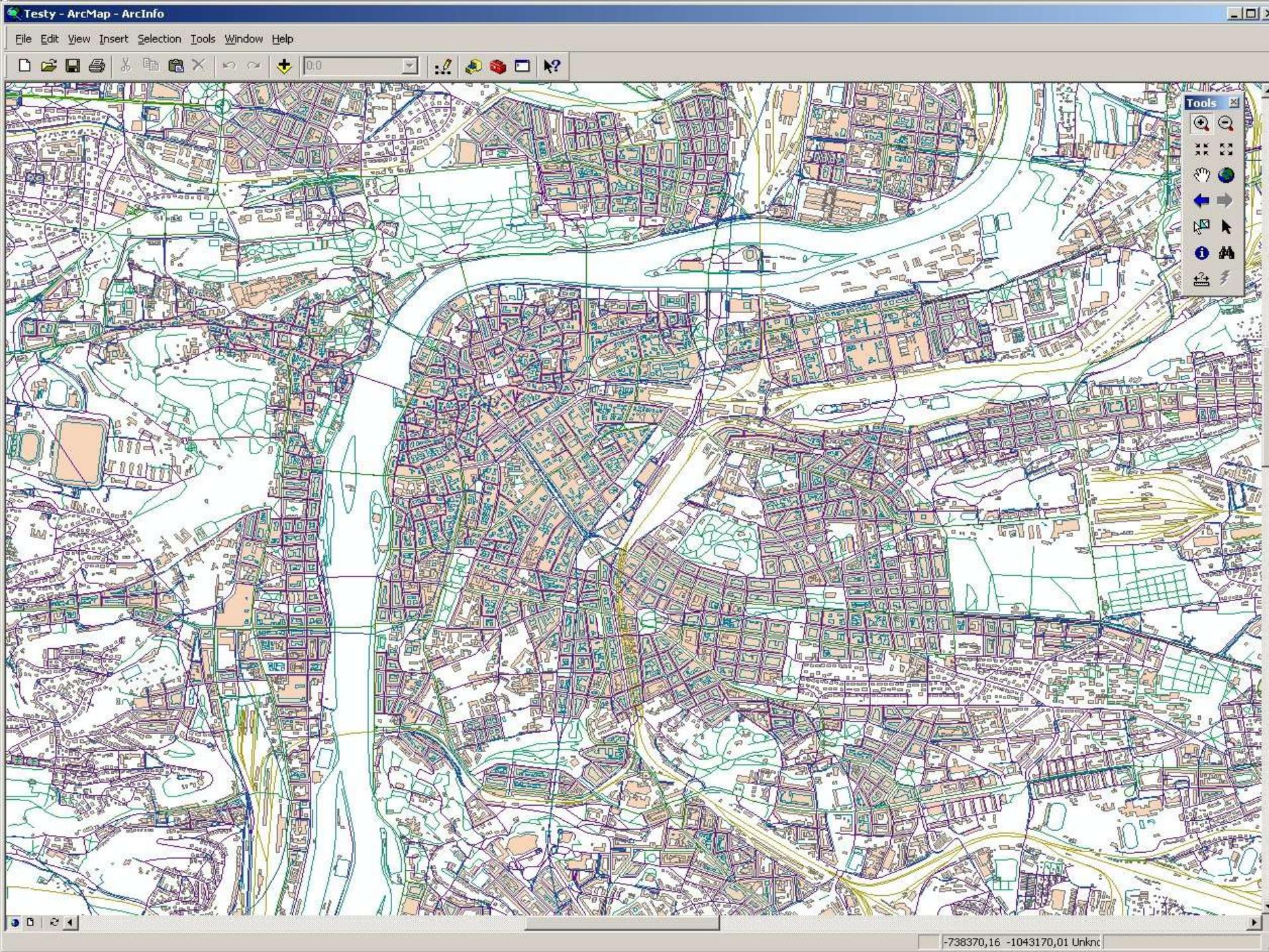
► **semantics**

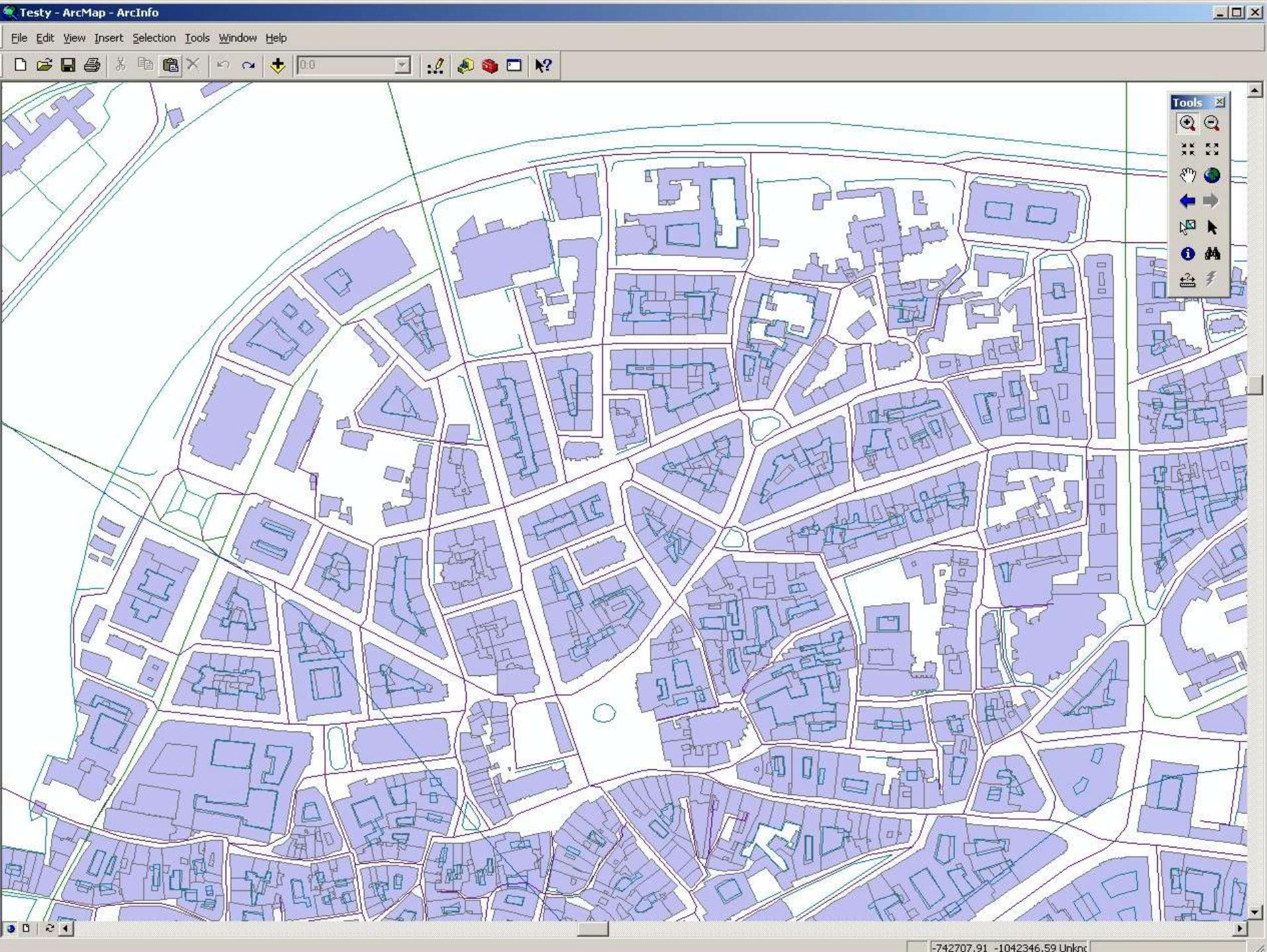
- attribute data, .DBF files

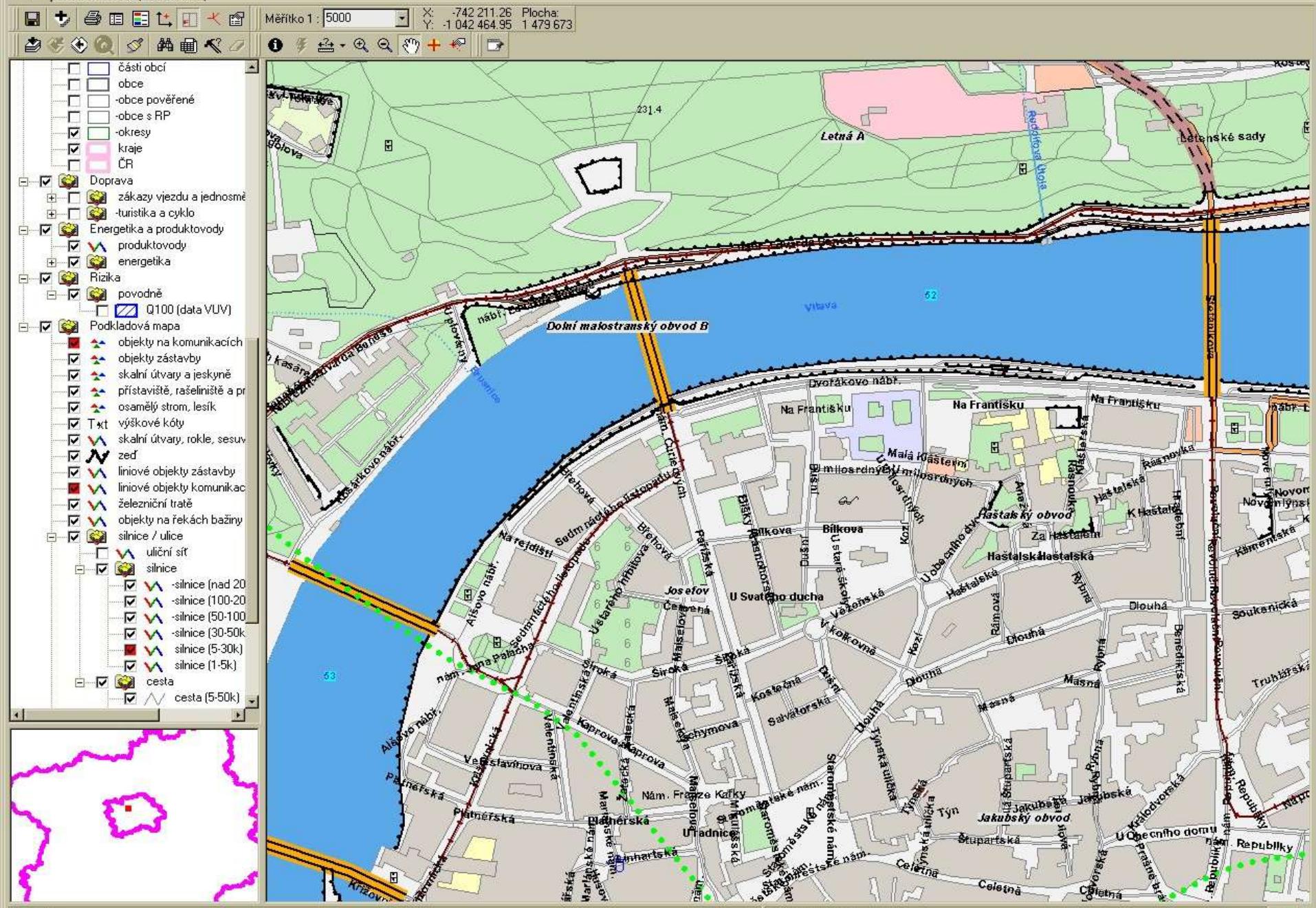
► **topology**

- spatial queries, table joins
- spatial analyses









3D GIS

- ▶ The big area of research
- ▶ Few extensions to old 2D GIS
- ▶ Many drawbacks of former technologies
- ▶ Main problems
 - lack of quality data structures
 - usage of file systems and RDBMS
 - nonefficient exploitation of contemporary visualisation possibilities

3D Geometry data formats

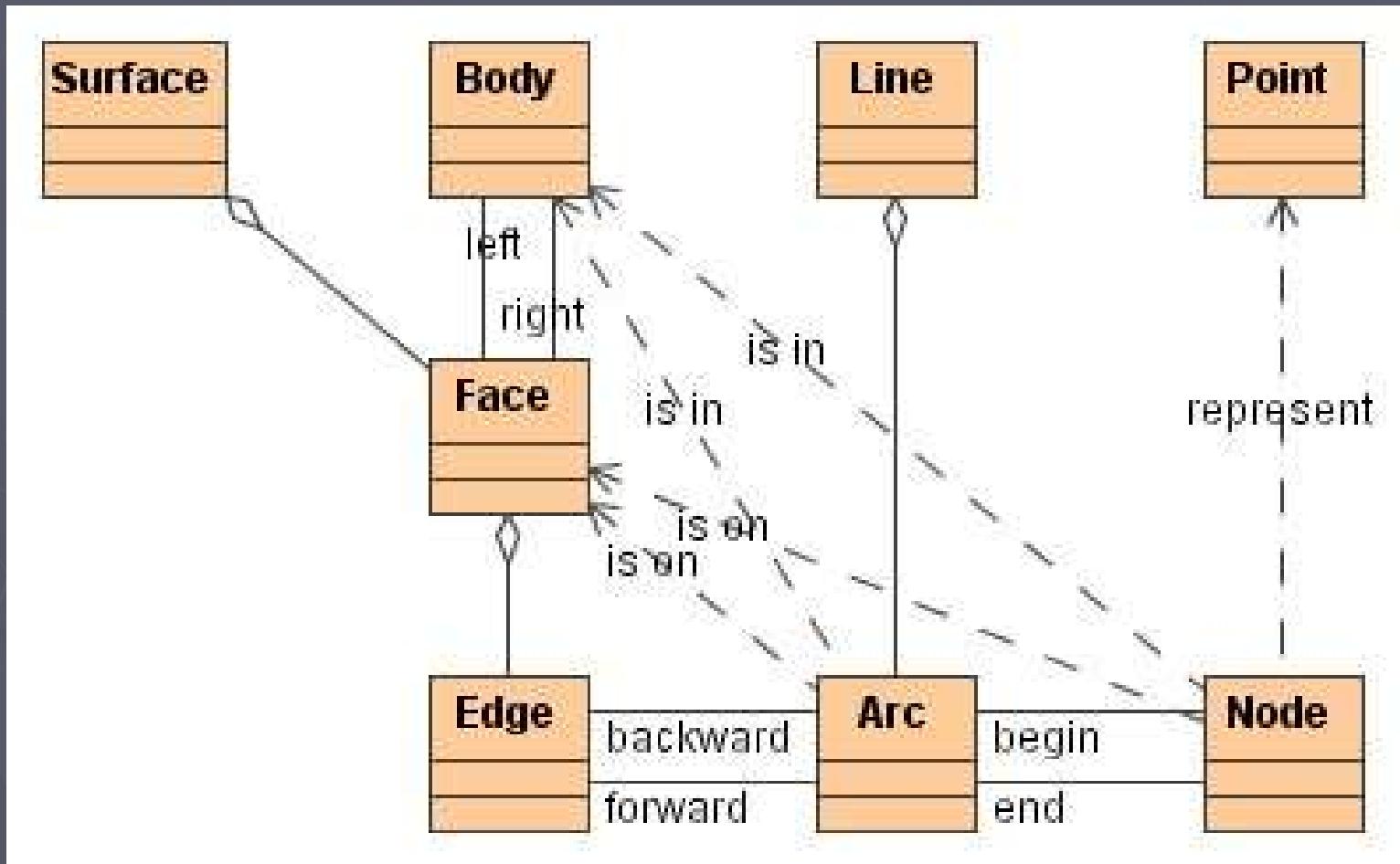
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3D GIS data model

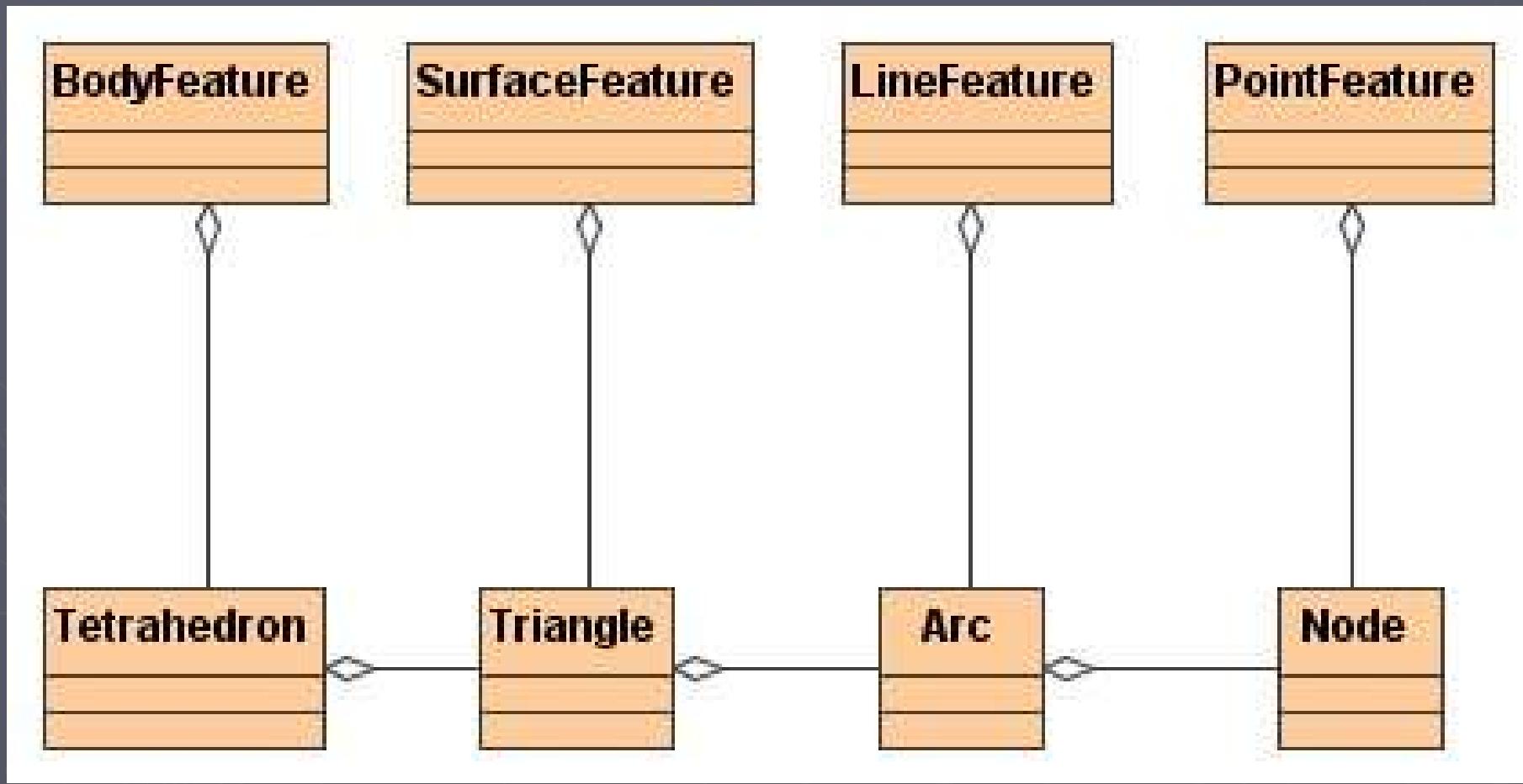
► Examples of 3D data models

- FDS – Molenaar
 - TEN - Pilouk
 - UDM – Coors
 - SSS – Zlatanova
 - OO3D - Shi et al.
 - GeoToolKit - Balovnev et al.
 - includes visualization problems (boundingBox)
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- quite similar** – deal with basic geometry

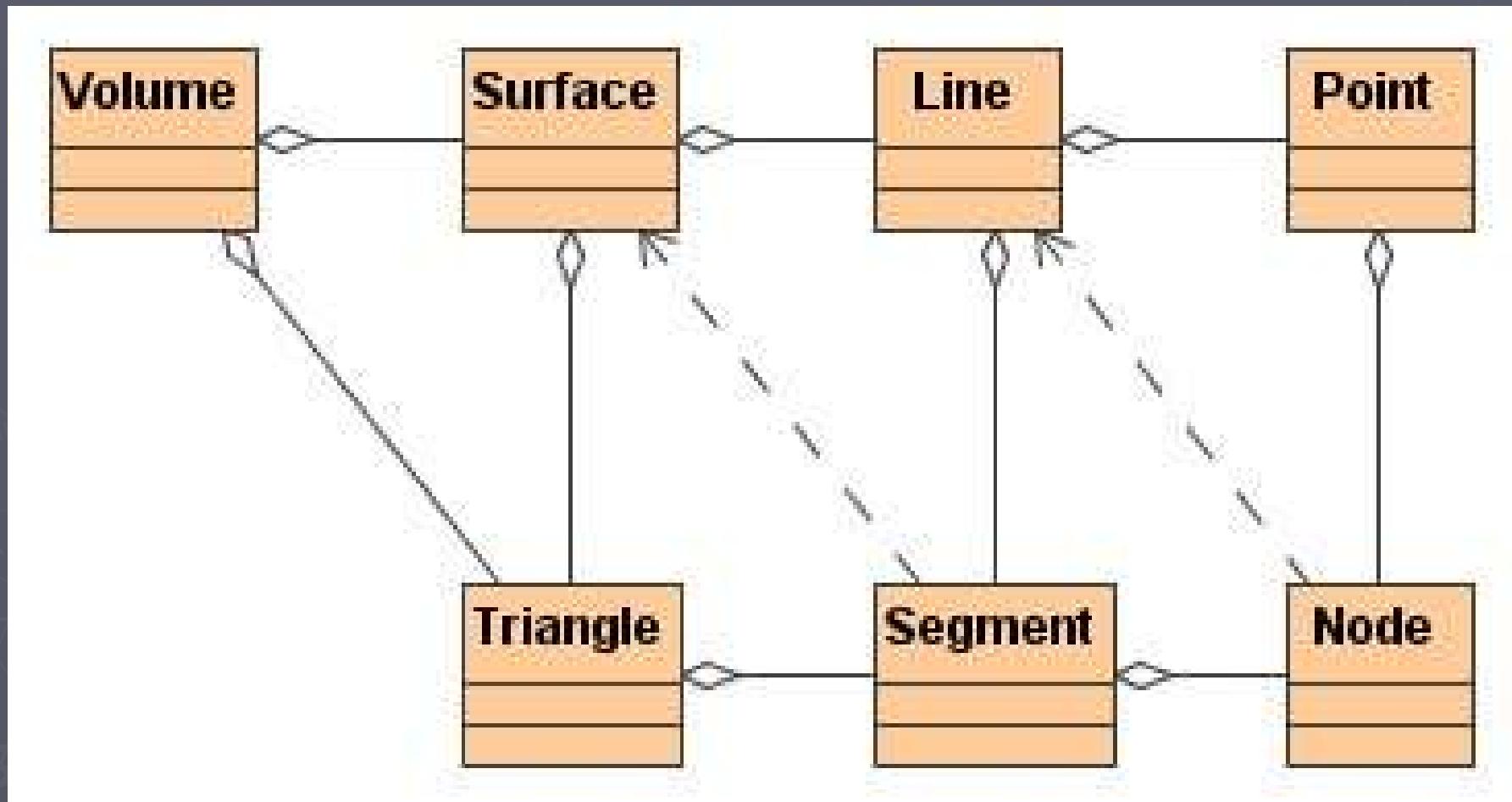
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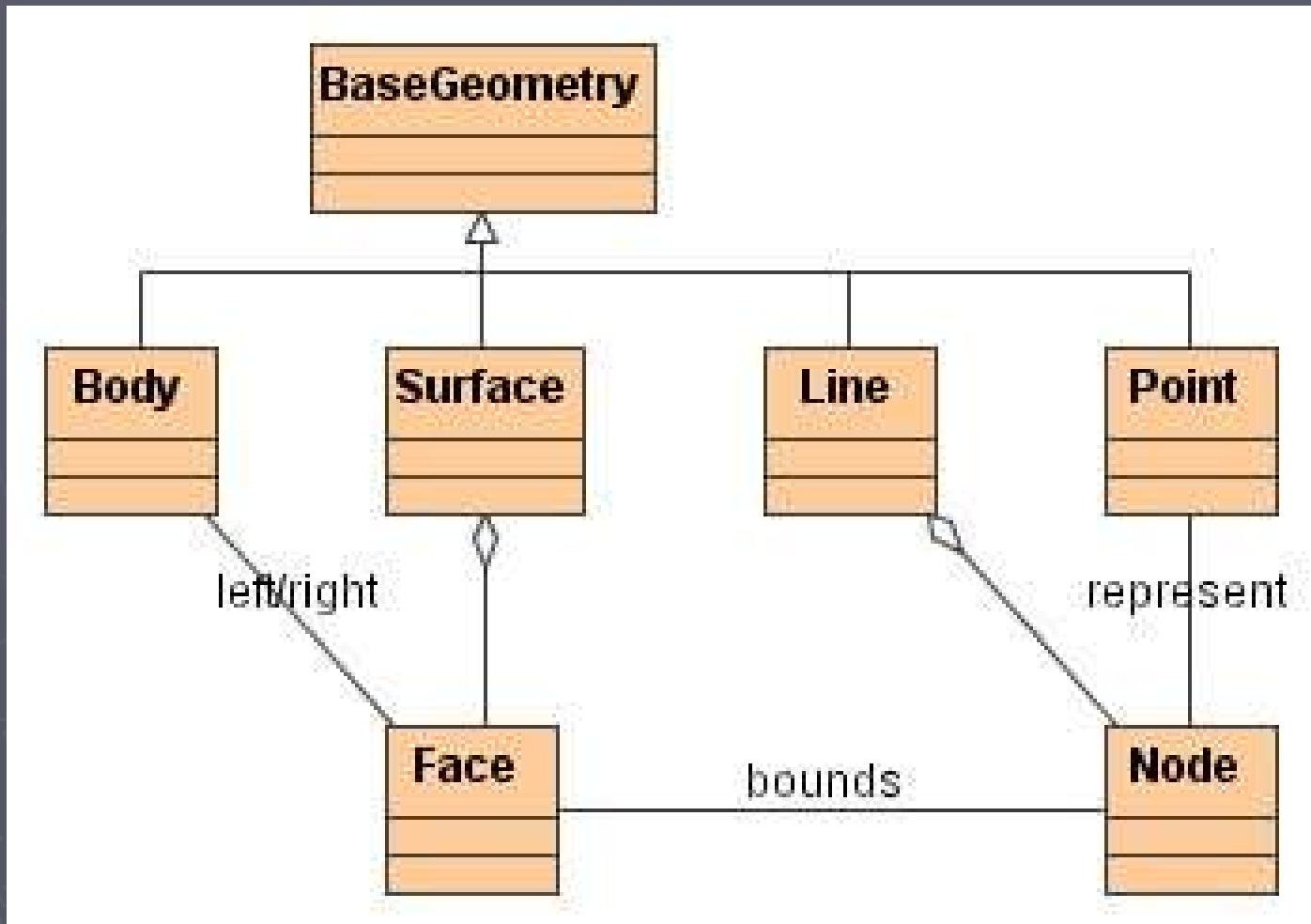
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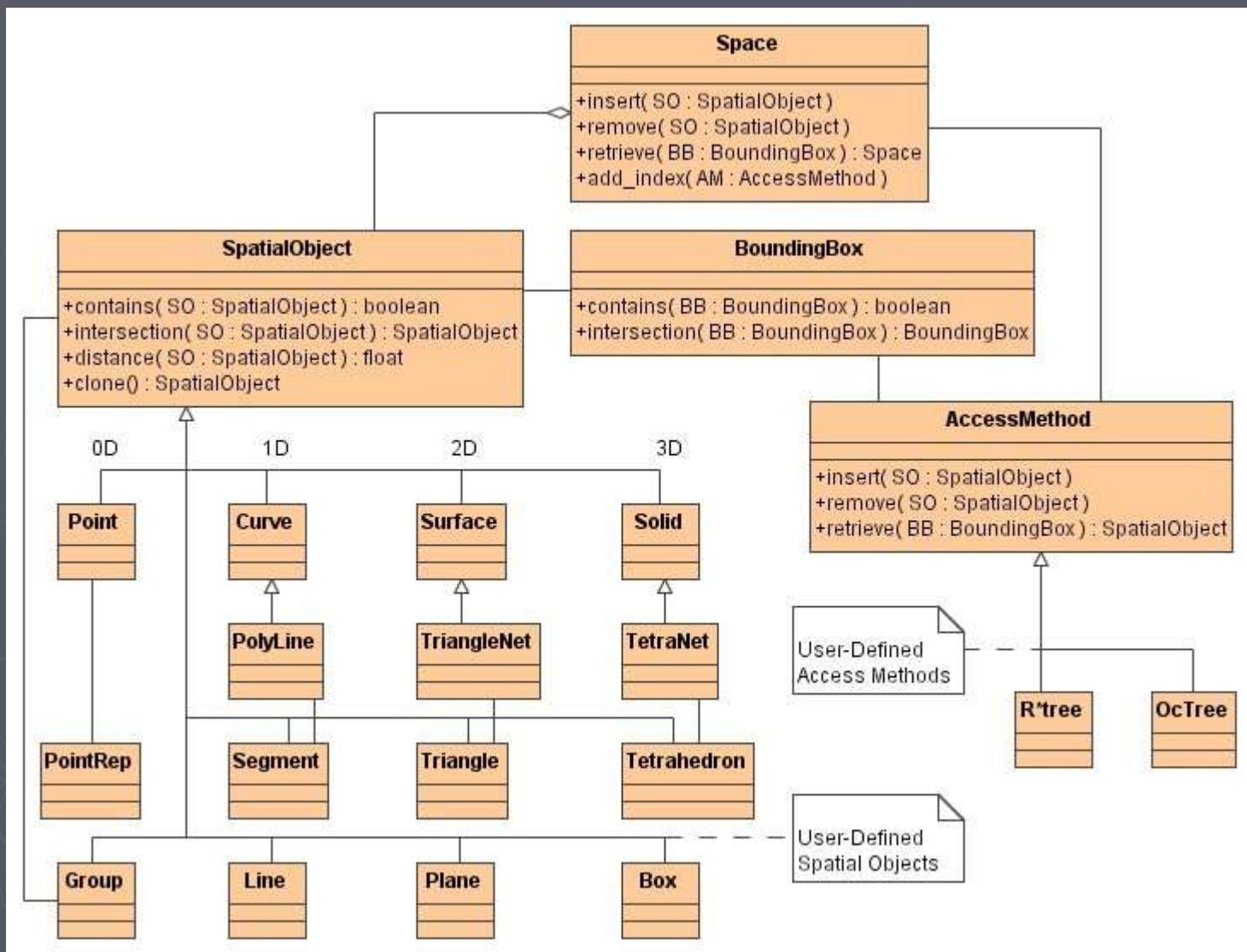
003D – Shi et al.



UDM, SSS – Coors, Zlatanova

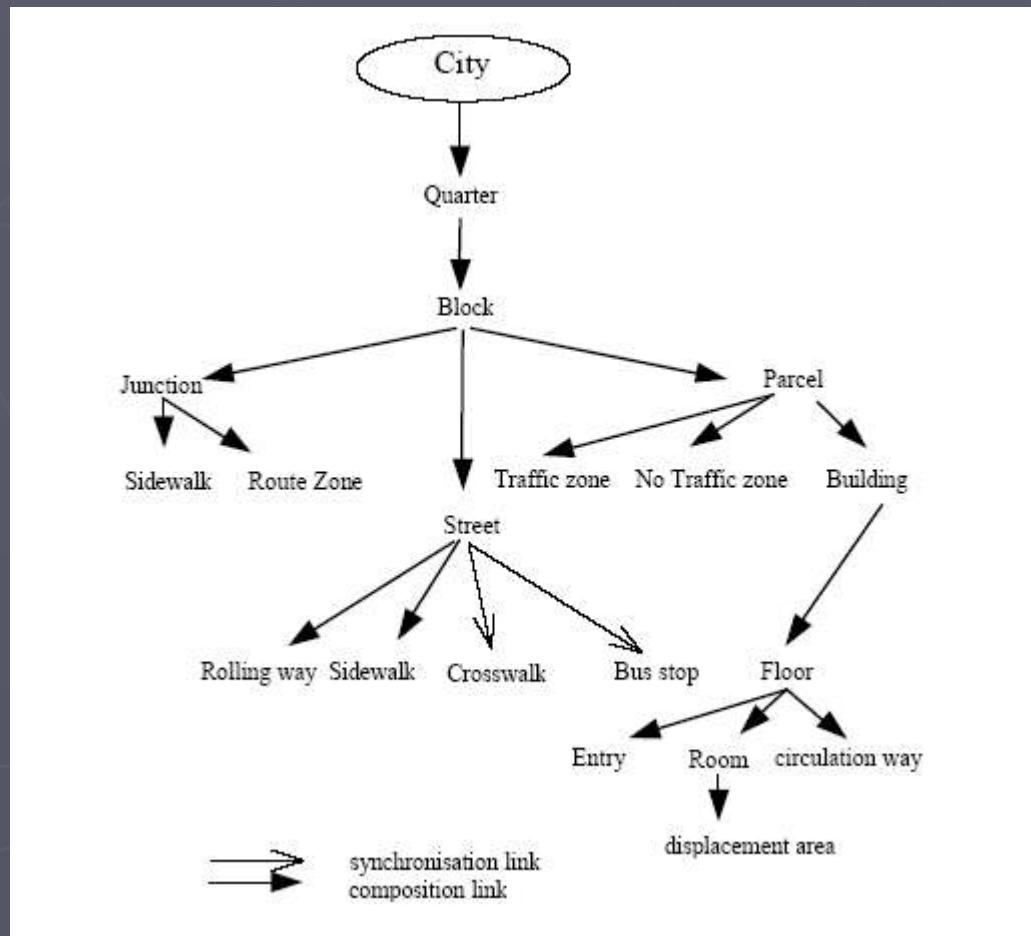


GeoToolKit - Balovnev et al.



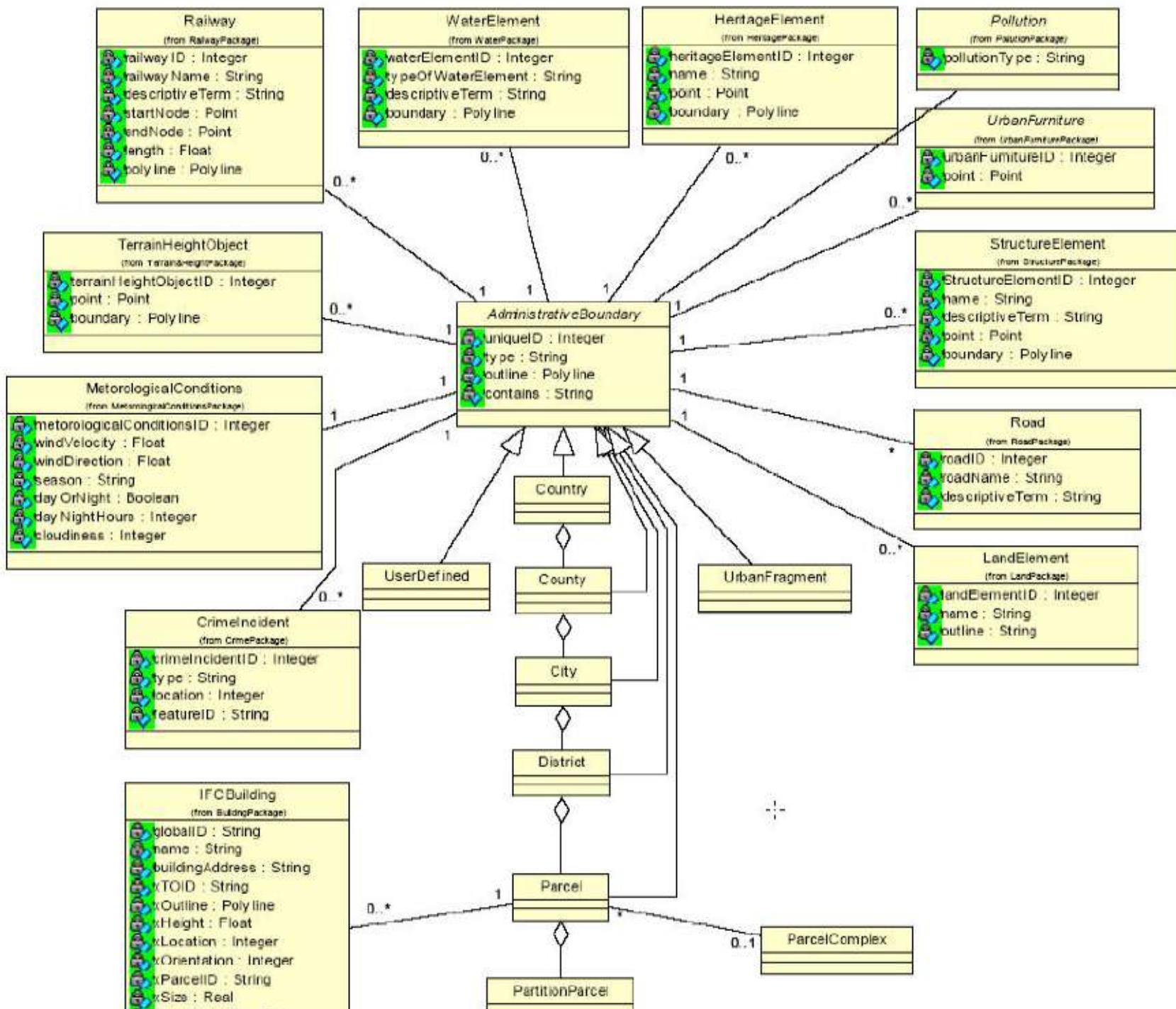
Farenc, Thalmann et al.

- ▶ City hierarchical decomposition
- ▶ Deals with logical relationships among parts of the city

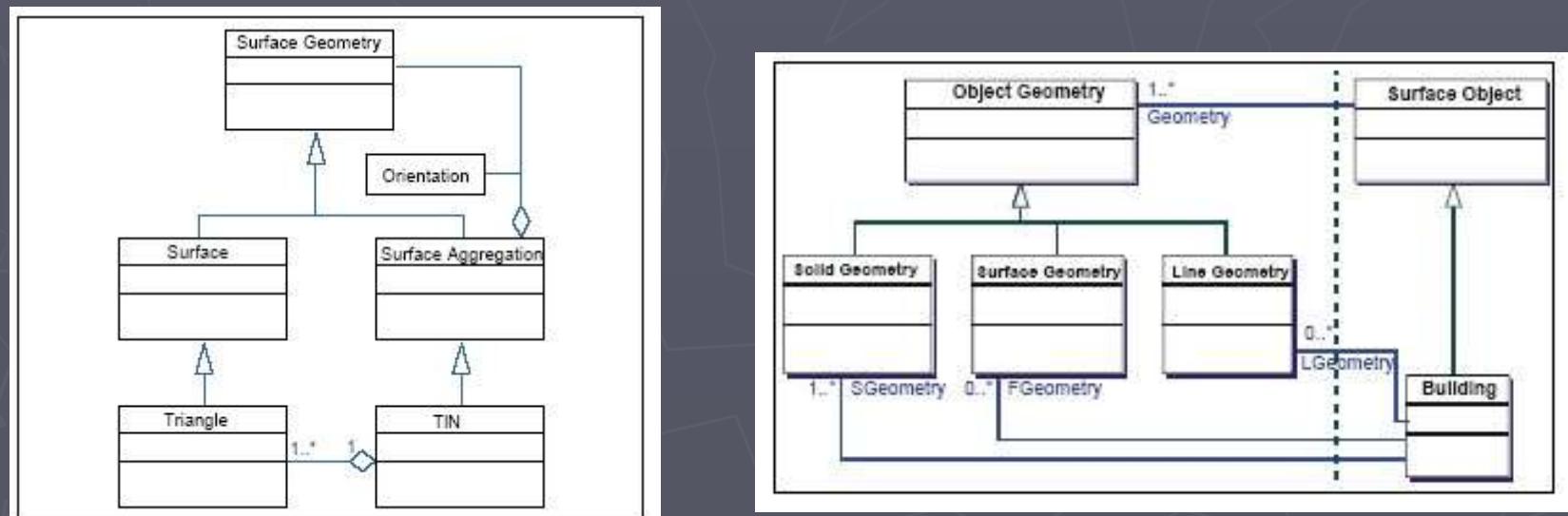
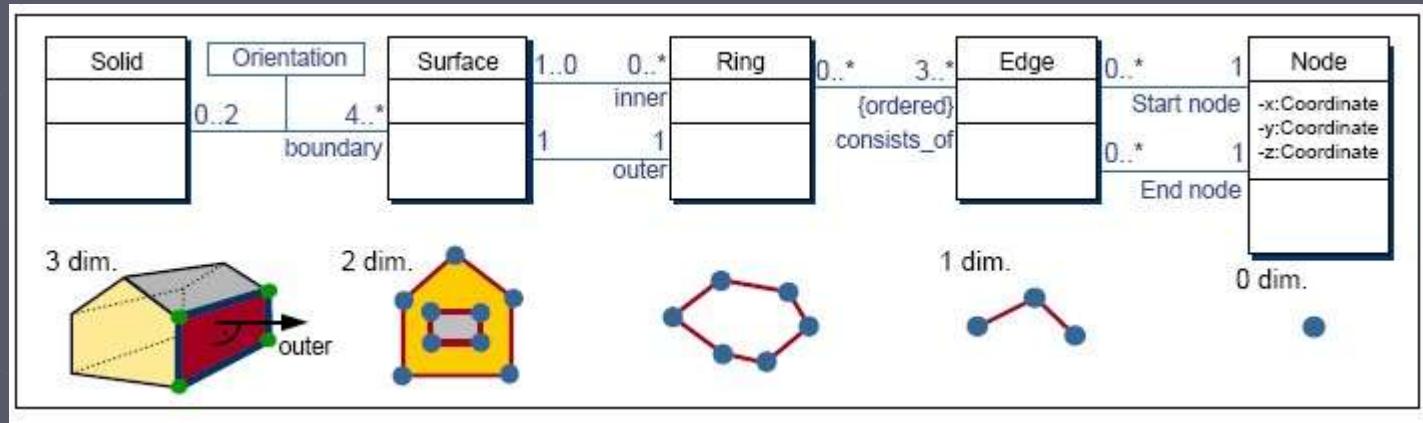


Hamilton et al.

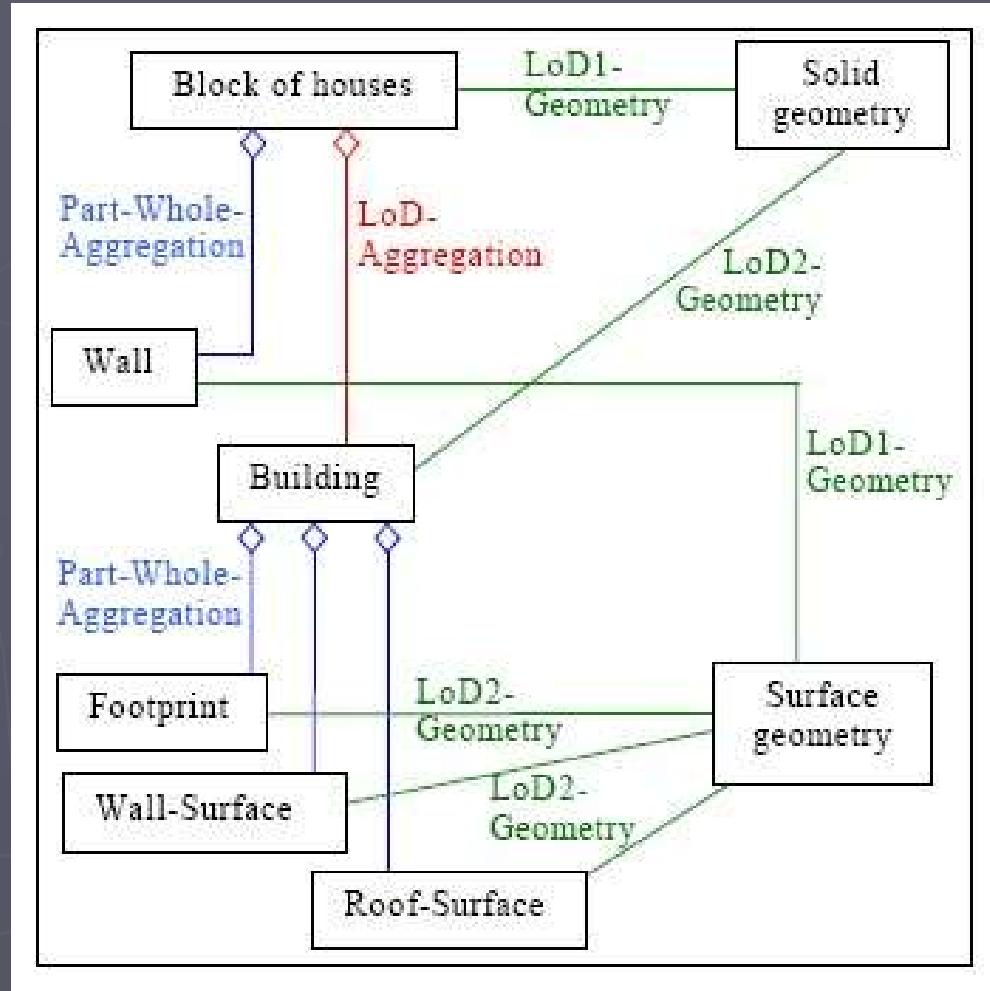
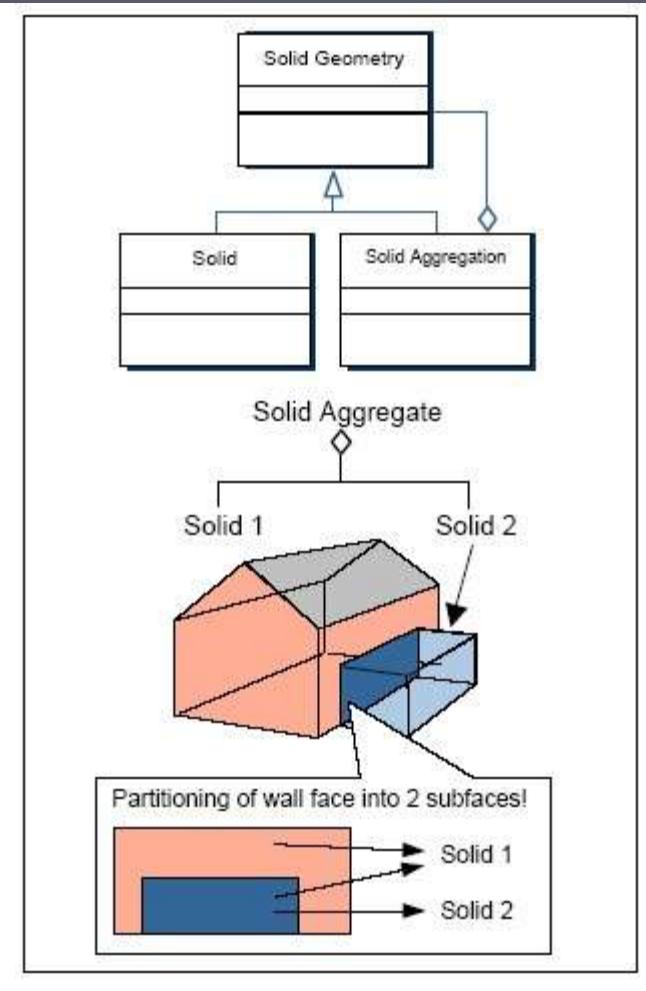
- ▶ Conceptual urban data model
- ▶ Emphasis on interoperability



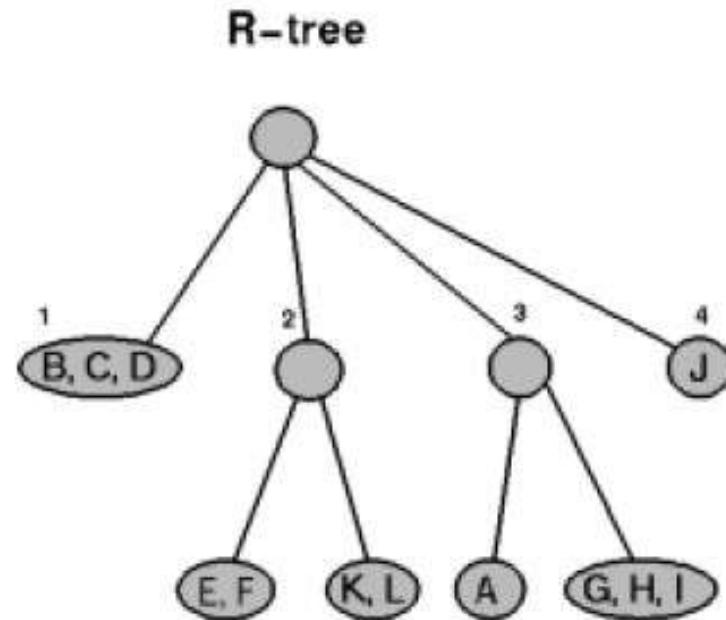
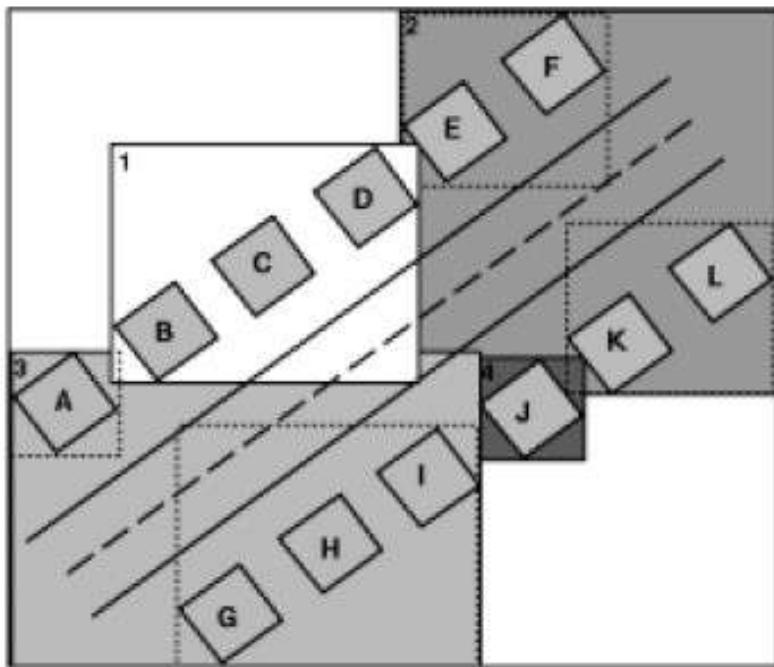
Kolbe, Groeger – City GML



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Kofler, Guber – LOD-R-tree



An object-oriented approach

- ▶ structural object orientation - any entity, independent of whatever complexity and structure, may be represented by exactly one object
- ▶ operational object orientation – operations on complex objects are possible without having to decompose the objects into a number of simple objects
- ▶ behavioural object orientation – a system must allow its objects to be accessed and modified only through a set of operations specific to an object type
- ▶ four main concepts
 - encapsulation, inheritance, object identity, polymorphism

3D GIS data management

► Weaknesses of the RDBMS

- poor representation of “Real World” entities
- semantic overloading
- poor support for integrity
- homogenous data structure
- limited operations
- difficulty handling recursive queries
- impedance mismatch
- other problems

► Experts agree that it is necessary to move to the next generation of DBMS – object servers

3D GIS data management 2

► Strengths of the OODBMS

- enriched modelling capabilities
- extensibility
- removal of impedance mismatch
- more expressive query language
- support for schema evolution
- support for long duration transactions
- applicability to advanced database applications
- improved performance

► OODBMS offer the way to evolve the GIS

Conclusion

- ▶ Development of a new 3D GIS should cover
 - Object-oriented approaches
 - Object-oriented development
 - Object-oriented data modelling
 - Object-oriented language
 - Object-oriented data store

Examples

- ▶ **CyberCity AG**
- ▶ **Geonova AG**
- ▶ **Planet 9 studios**
- ▶ **GeoSim systems**
- ▶ **Urban Simulation Team at UCLA**

Discussion

- ▶ Your questions
- ▶ Your opinions
- ▶ Your recommendations



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